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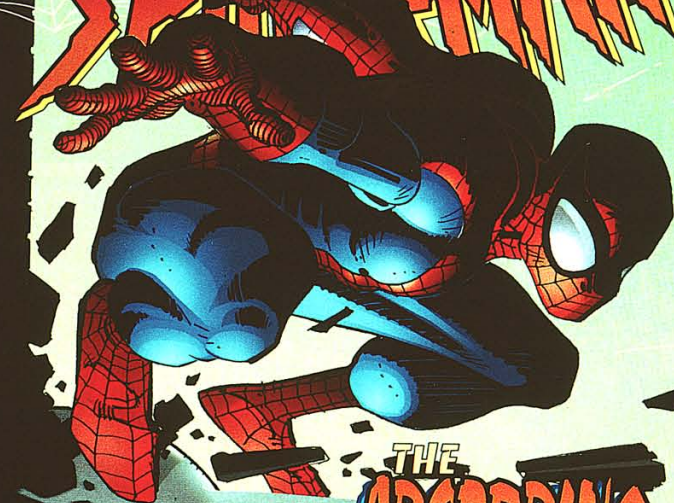
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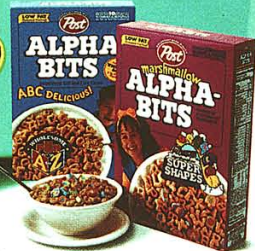


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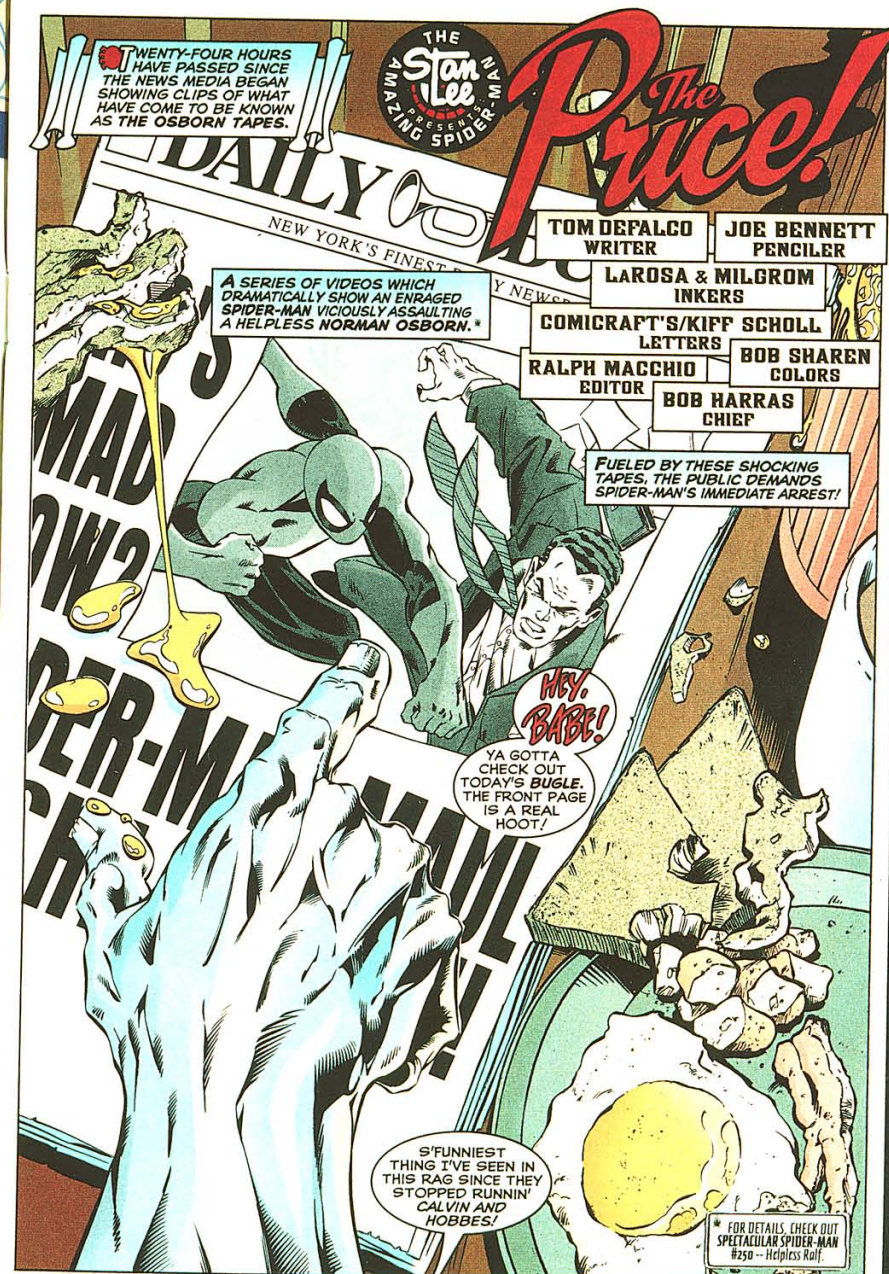
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Meet Peter Parker, once a brilliant, though meek, high school student, orphaned as a child and reared by his doting Uncle Ben and Aunt May. At a science fair, Peter was bitten by an irradiated spider and gained the proportionate strength, speed, agility and early warning "spider-sense" of that arachnid. He used these powers for personal fame and fortune as a masked Spider-Man. But when Peter failed to stop a criminal who later killed his beloved Uncle Ben, the youth's costumed identity took on a far deeper significance. He realized that with great power there must also come great responsibility. So Peter Parker became the wall-crawling nemesis of the criminal element; a young man determined to atone for the tragic death of his uncle — The Amazing Spider-Man!

MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER

The wife of Peter Parker/Spider-Man, and his closest confidant. She has currently returned to Empire State University as a student majoring in psychology.



NORMAN OSBORN

The wealthy industrialist who pursued a life of crime as the costumed Green Goblin. Years ago, the Goblin was presumed killed in a battle with Spider-Man that also took the life of Peter Parker's girlfriend, Gwen Stacy. But recently Osborn resurfaced, having spent years running a criminal empire in Europe where he fled. Having come back to America, Osborn is determined to once again bring horror into the lives of Peter Parker and those he loves.



JOE "ROBBIE" ROBERTSON

A man of great journalistic integrity, he is the conscience of the Daily Bugle newspaper. Robbie began his career there as the paper's city editor, and has risen to become its editor in chief. He is a friend and confidant of Peter Parker.



J. JONAH JAMESON

The owner/publisher of New York's Daily Bugle newspaper. Jameson has spent much of his long career branding Spider-Man a dangerous vigilante responsible for multiple crimes. Although respected in the journalistic community, Jameson's obsession with the web-slinger has occasionally forced him to adopt extreme positions on some issues. He employs Peter Parker as a freelance photographer.



ABSORBING MAN

Carl "Crusher" Creel was an ex-con who, years ago, gained the incredible power to absorb the properties of any object he touched. This was due to the magical intervention of the evil Asgardian Loki, half-brother to the Mighty Thor, who needed a human pawn to accomplish his goals. Carl is primarily a foe of Thor.



TITANIA

Mary "Skeeters" McPherran was a woman given artificially-induced super-strength by Doctor Doom on the Beyonder's planet during the so-called Secret Wars. After returning to Earth, she kept company with Crusher Creel, and recently, they married. She possesses an intense hatred—and fear—of Spider-Man.



DAREDEVIL

As a youngster, Matt Murdock was blinded by a canister from a truck containing radioactive materials. The radioactivity enhanced his remaining senses, aiding him when he took up costumed crimefighting to avenge the wrongful death of his father. Daredevil is a frequent partner of Spider-Man and each has disclosed his secret identity to the other.



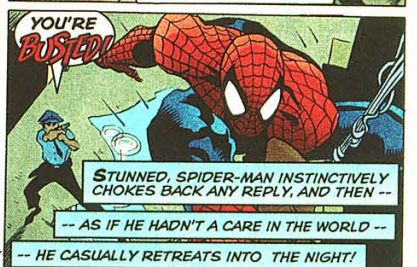
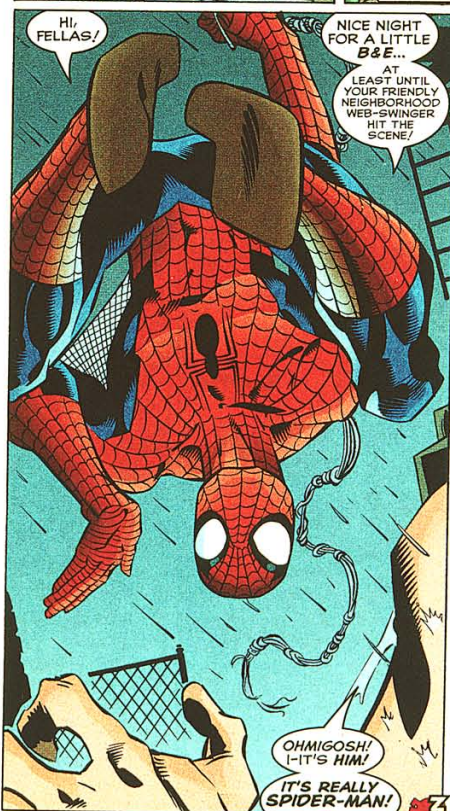
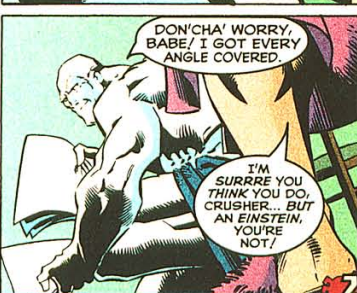
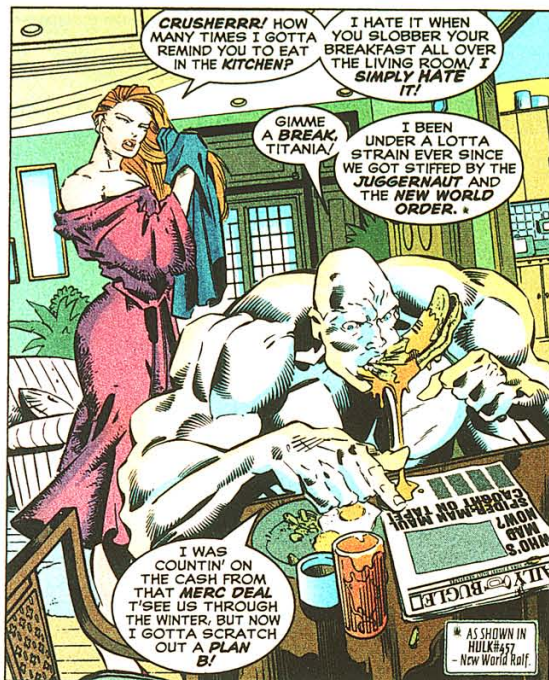
In a pitched battle through the streets, the wondrous web-spinner held his own with the revitalized Doctor Octopus, until the six-armed terror suddenly fled.

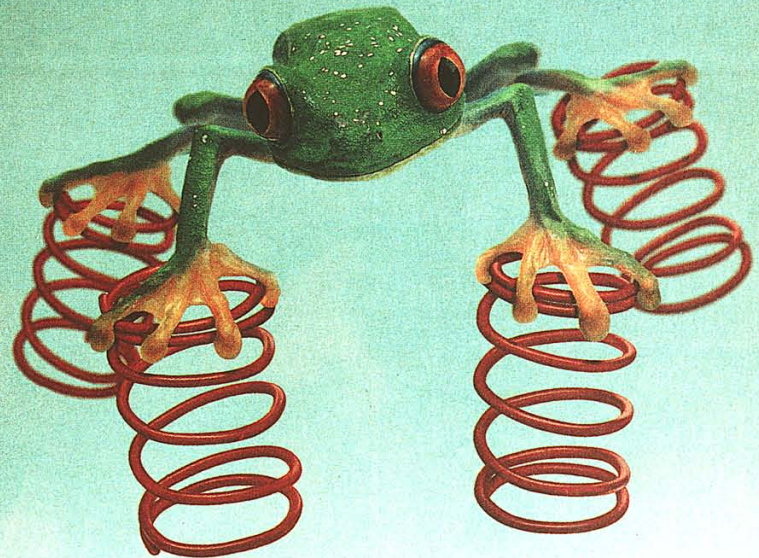
Despite saving dozens of lives during the course of the struggle, Spider-Man was still pursued by the police for his beating of industrialist, Norman Osborn which Osborn captured on videotape and sent to the media.

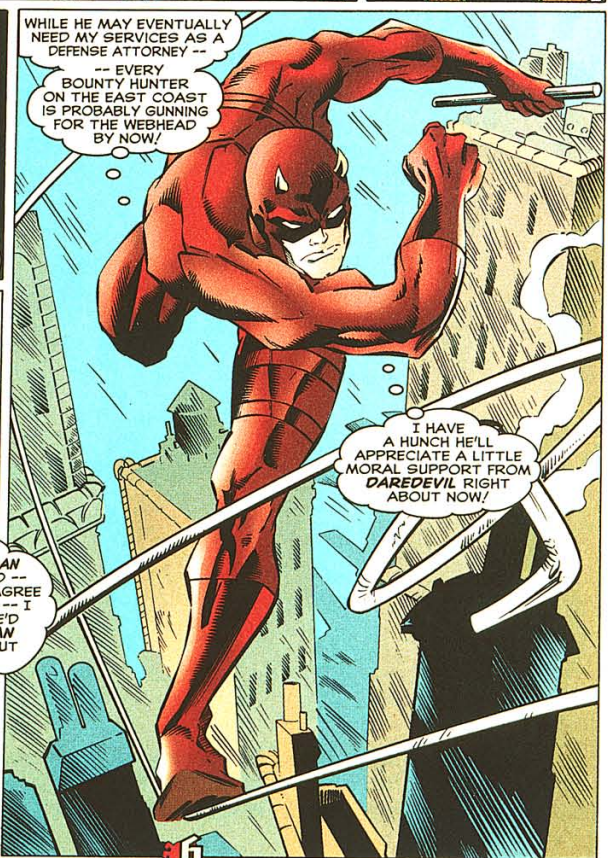
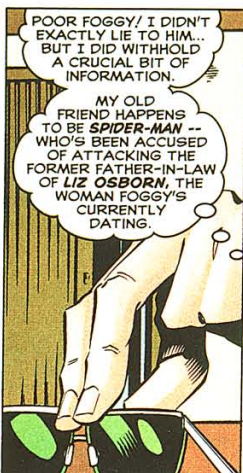


And now the amazing arachnid's life is about to be made more miserable as the husband and wife super-villain team of the Absorbing Man and Titania scheme to bring Spider-Man down using the Osborn videotape as unexpected inspiration.

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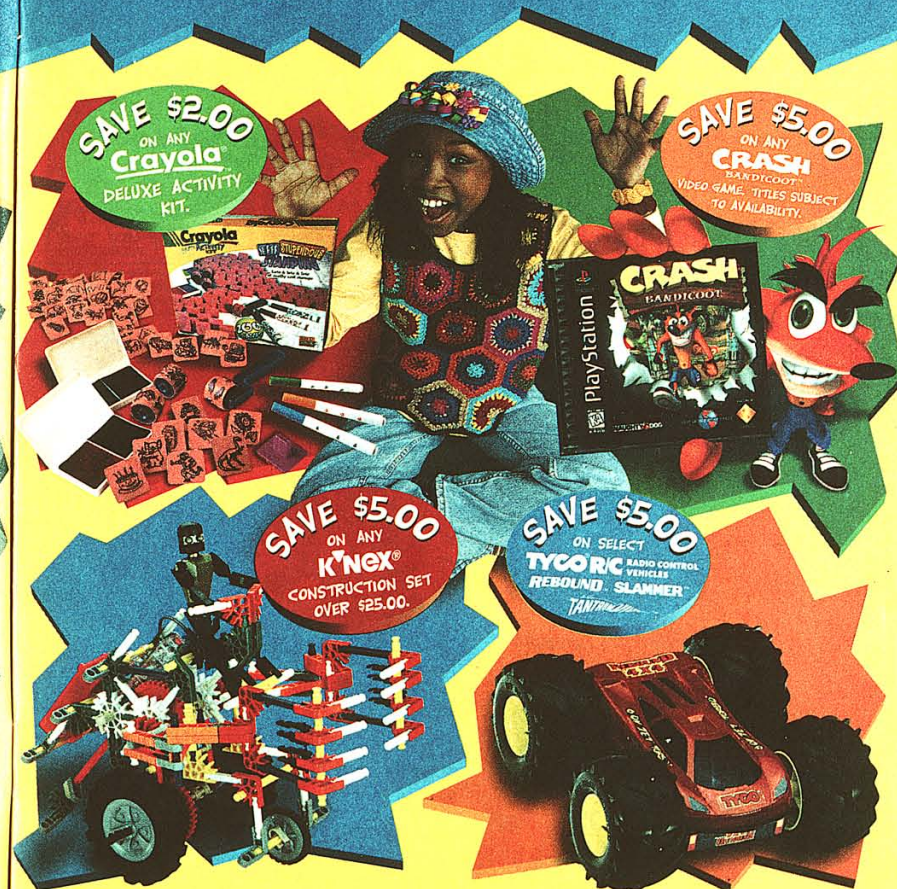
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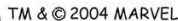
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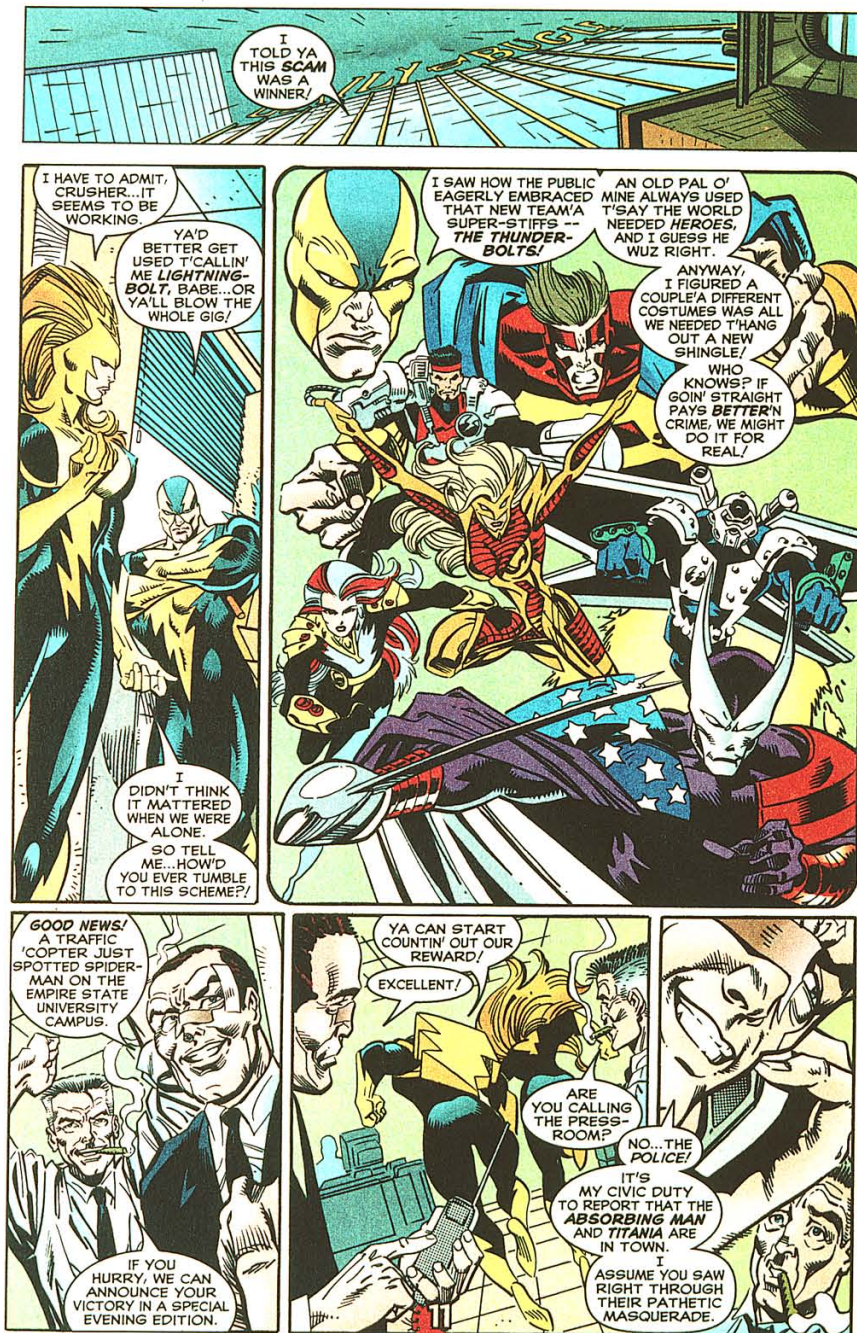
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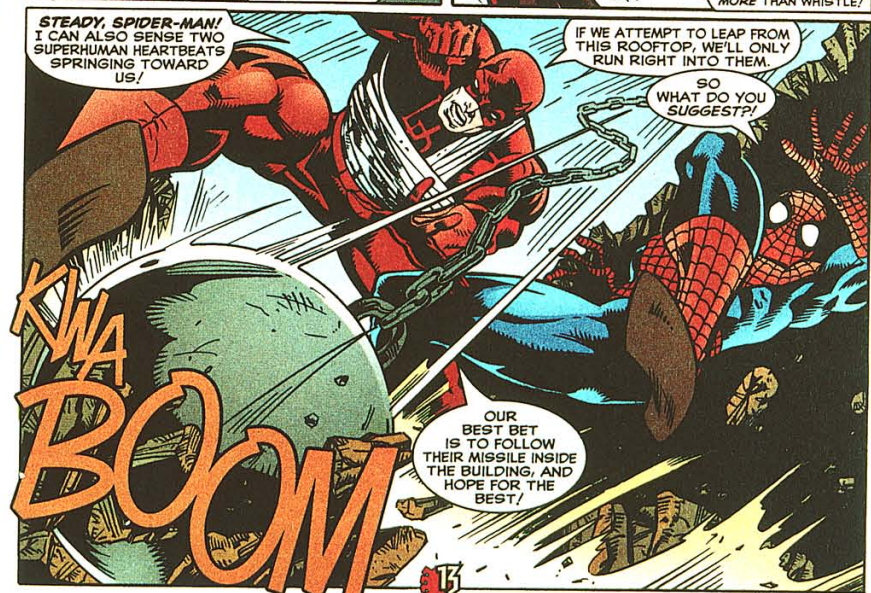
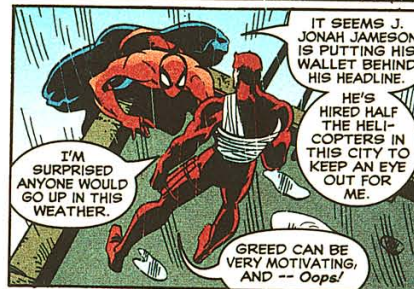
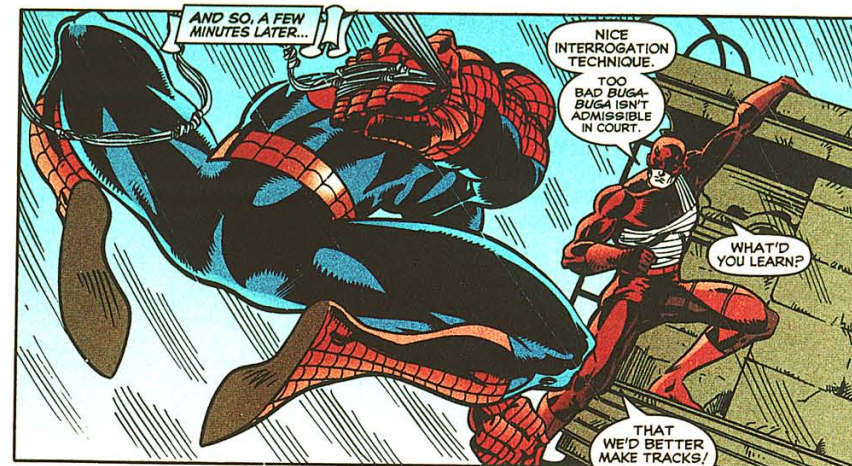
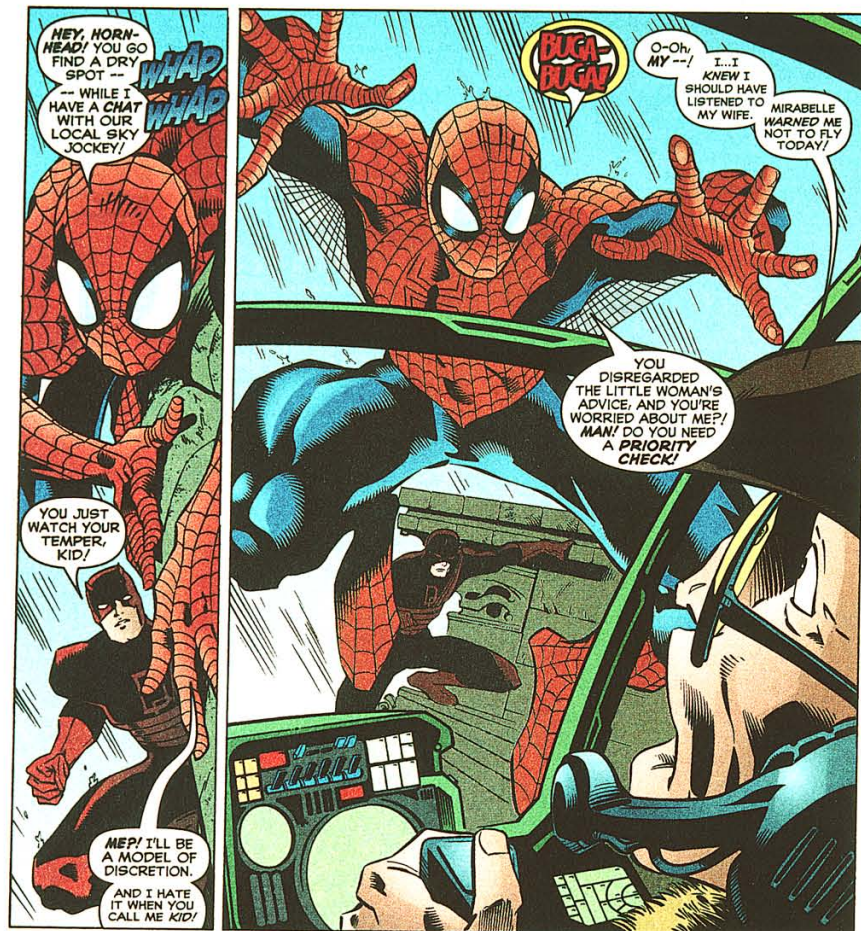
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Oh, FINE! MAKE WITH THE LAWFYER JOKES!

3SHEESH! NO WONDER NOBODY LIKES LAWYERS!

C-CLASS IS DISMISSED -- BUT DON'T FORGET TOMORROW'S ASSIGNMENT!

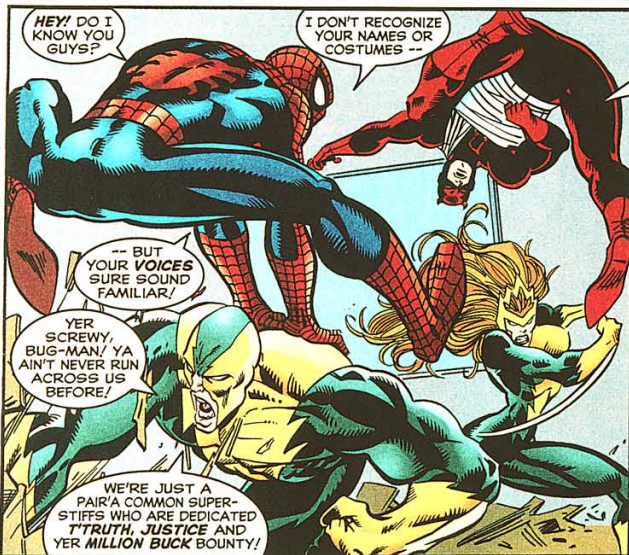


CHECK IT OUT, THUNDER GIRL!

THE WEB-MAN'S GOT HIMSELF AN UNDISCERNING CO-CONSPIRATOR!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, LIGHTNINGBOLT -- ANY CHANCE THE BUGLE WILL UP THE REWARD IF WE BAG DAREDEVIL, TOO?

WHO CARES? I'M WILLIN' T'TOSS HIM IN FER FREE!



HEY! DO I KNOW YOU GUYS?

I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOUR NAMES OR COSTUMES --

-- BUT YOUR VOICES SURE SOUND FAMILIAR!

YER SCREWY, BUG-MAN/ YA AIN'T NEVER RUN ACROSS US BEFORE!

WE'RE JUST A PAIR'A COMMON SUPER-STIFFS WHO ARE DEDICATED T'TRUTH, JUSTICE AND YER MILLION BUCK BOUNTY!



I DON'T CARE WHAT THESE TWO LOOK LIKE, SPIDER-MAN/ EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A DISTINCTIVE HEARTBEAT --

-- AND I SAY WE'RE FIGHTING TITANIA AND THE ABSORBING MAN!

REALLY?!

Hmmm!

I GOTTA GET ME A CLOSER LOOK!



YEP! THAT PROFILE DEFINITELY BELONGS TO CRUSHER CREEL!



AWRIGHT, WISE GUY! MAYBE IT TAKES MORE'N A NEW SET'A SPANDEX T'FOOL YA.



THAT DON'T CHANGE NUTHIN'!



WHETHER YA CALL ME CREEL, ABSORBIN' MAN OR LIGHTNING WHATEVER, THE FINAL RESULT IS GONNA BE EXACTLY THE SAME!

YER GONN DOWN!

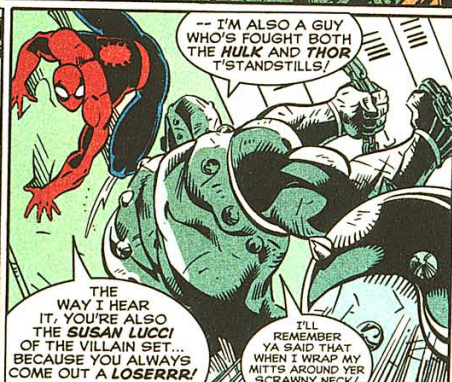
A BIT TOUCHY -- AREN'T WE?



I'LL SHOW YA TOUCHY!

IF YA THINK THIS IS ALL A GAME, YA DON'T KNOW ME!

NOT ONLY CAN I ABSORB THE POWER/A ANYTHING I TOUCH --



-- I'M ALSO A GUY WHO'S FOUGHT BOTH THE HULK AND THOR T'STANDSTILLS!

THE WAY I HEAR IT, YOU'RE ALSO THE SUSAN LUCCI OF THE VILLAIN SET... BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS COME OUT A LOSERRR!

I'LL REMEMBER YA SAID THAT WHEN I WRAP MY MITTS AROUND YER SCRAWNY NECK!



WHO AM I KIDDING? CREEL'S WAY ABOVE MY POWER CLASS!

MY ONLY HOPE IS TO KEEP OUT OF HIS REACH --

-- AND TO THINK I CRITICIZED DAREDEVIL'S PLAN!



HAS ANYONE SEEN PETER PARKER? I KNOW HE WAS ON CAMPUS EARLIER.

HE'S PROBABLY CUTTING CLASS AGAIN, PROFESSOR HOWARD, AND -- HEY!

WHAT'S CAUSING THE COMMOTION IN THE HALL?

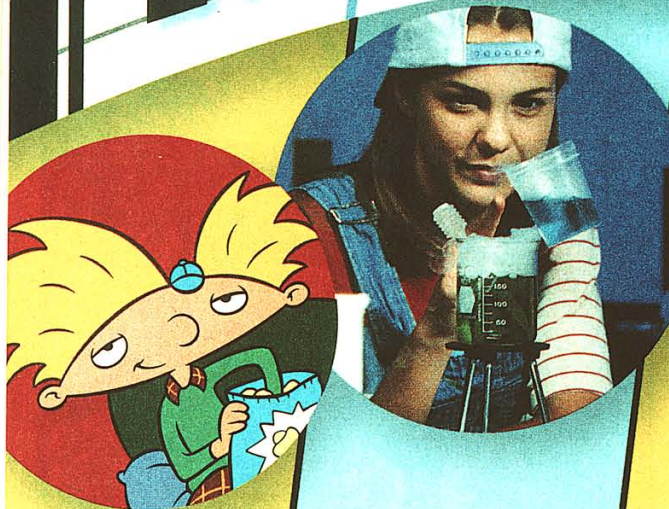
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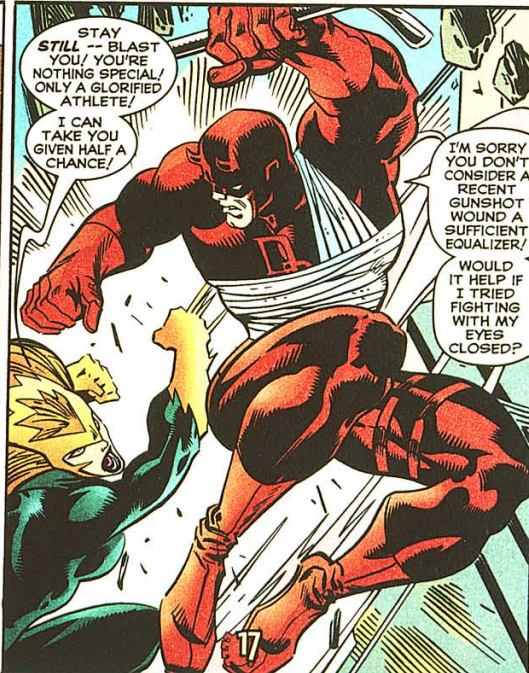
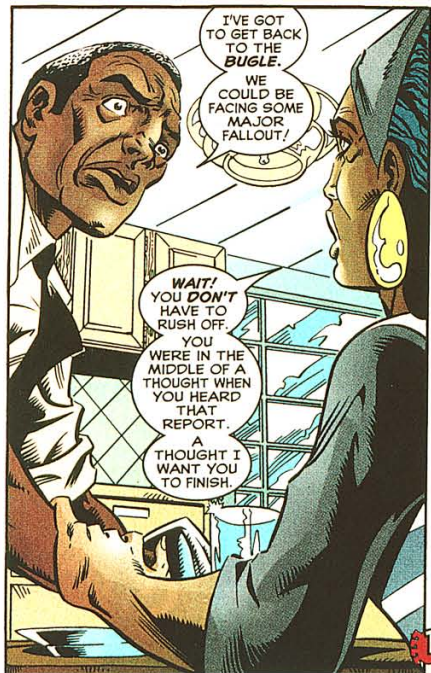
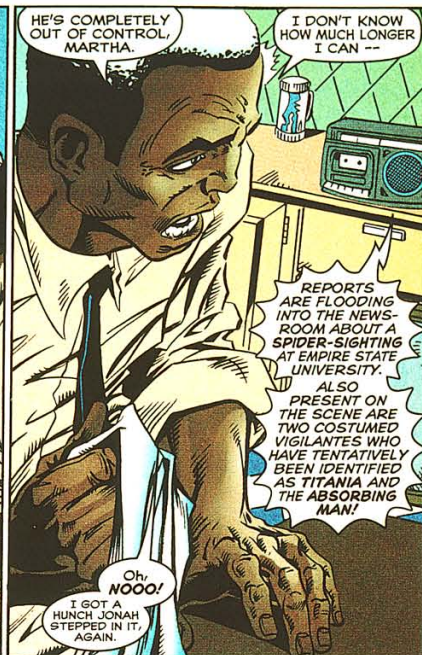
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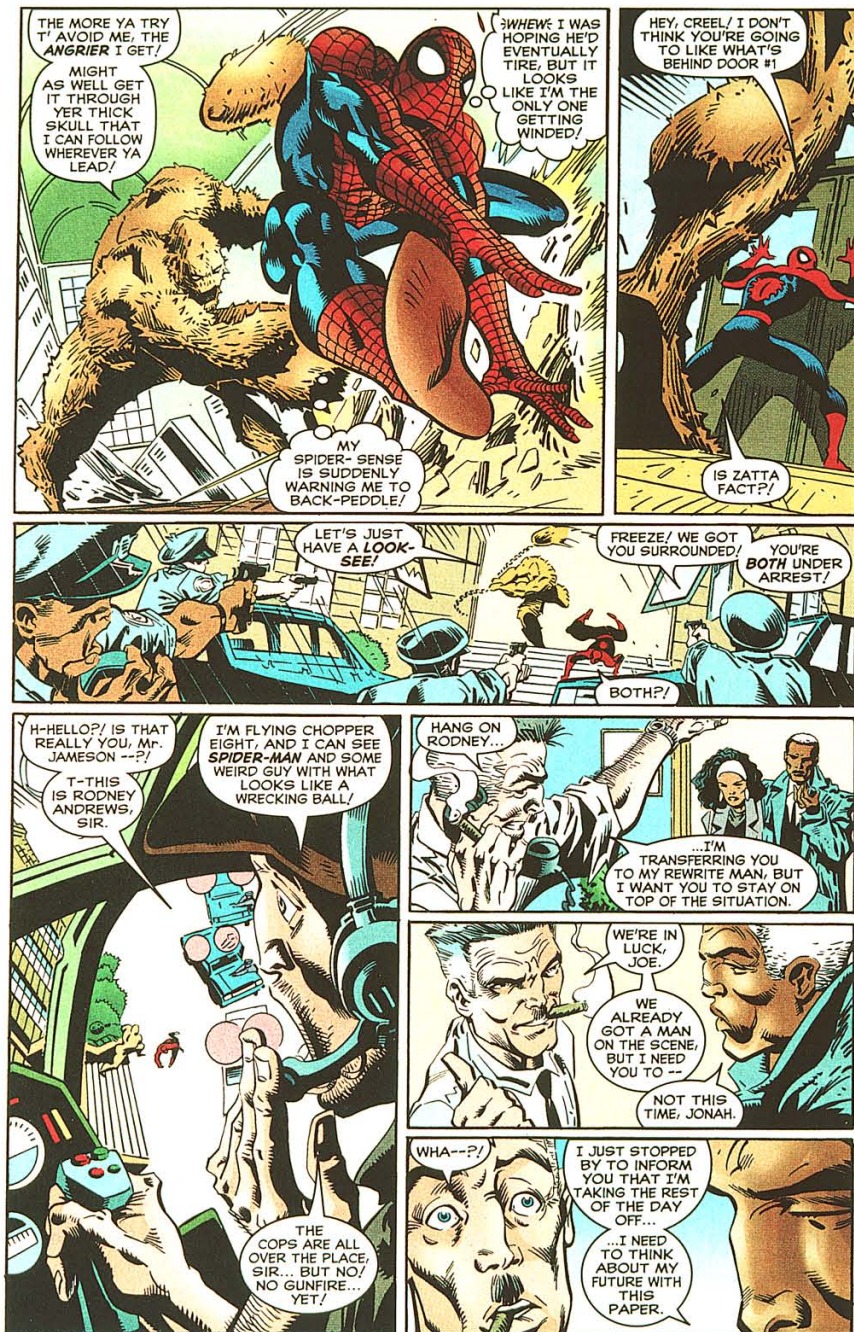
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STOP BOUNCIN' AROUND LIKE A BLASTED JUMPIN' JACK, AN' FIGHT LIKE A MAN!



I'M WARNIN' YA WEBB! I'VE HAD ENUFF A YER STUPID SHENANIGANS!

IF YOU WANTED A BETTER CLASS OF SHENANIGANS, YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE AFTER DARE-DEVIL INSTEAD OF ME!

Uh-OH I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO HURL HIS BALL AND CHAIN WHILE I WAS STILL IN MOTION!



HOLEEE--!

SHAWWAMM



T-THAT HELICOPTER JOCKEY TOOK MY HIT --!



HE'LL DIE --

-- UNLESS I CAN RICOCHET FROM BUILDING TO BUILDING --
-- INCREASING MY MOMENTUM --



-- AS I FORCE MYSELF INTO THE PROPER POSITION --



-- TO PULL OFF THE SAVE OF THE CENTURY!

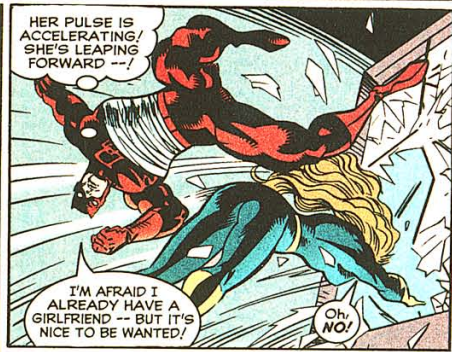


AND, AT THAT SELF-SAME INSTANT...

I FINALLY GOT YOU CORNERED, SMART GUY!

YOU'RE MINE!

THERE'S A TERRIBLE RACKET COMING FROM OUTSIDE! IT'S TAKING ALL MY CONCENTRATION TO FOCUS ON HER HEARTBEAT!



HER PULSE IS ACCELERATING! SHE'S LEAPING FORWARD --!

I'M AFRAID I ALREADY HAVE A GIRLFRIEND -- BUT IT'S NICE TO BE WANTED!

Oh! NO!

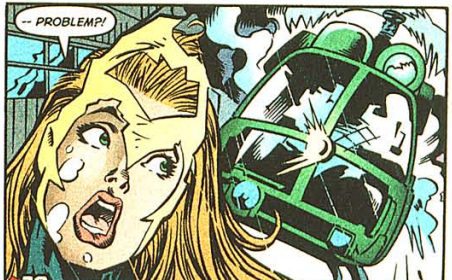


NO!



TITANIA, BABY -- MOVE! RUN!!

TH-THAT YOU, CRUSHER? WHY ARE YOU SHOUTING? WHAT'S THE BIG --



-- PROBLEM?

THE SPIDER-WEB

MATT
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Dear Spider's Web,

I'm new to the Marvel family. I just recently subscribed to AMAZING SPIDER-MAN and two other Spider-titles. I used to go to the store and get them, but now all I have to do is pop open the mail box and there it is! Even though I'm quite a young fan (12 years old), I'm happy to be a part of the Marvel family!

When I got issue #423, I was very shocked and felt bad for Spidey when he was beaten by Electro and left on the street like a sack of potatoes. It was very pitiful for a super hero like him to fall like that. If I could, I would have jumped in the comic and taken care of Electro myself!

In ASM #424, Spidey had his worst headache yet! Is it from the Morbius bite? If so, will it affect Spidey in the near future?

Finally, will Marvel produce a second ESSENTIAL SPIDER-MAN volume?

Well, until Spidey-Man turns into a blood-sucking beast from the Morbius bite, Make Mine Marvel!

Joshua Patel
Riverside, IL

Welcome to the family, Joshua! Just sit right down here; we're always happy to make another place at the table.

Sorry you felt so bad for Spidey over his treatment at the hands of Electro, but as we're sure you know by now, Electro sure got his in the end. And as for Peter's headaches, they certainly have gotten worse. You didn't miss Spidey's harrowing moments of hanging from a window sill while not being able to move in PETER PARKER, SPIDER-MAN #83, did you?

And lastly, we certainly are producing a second volume of the acclaimed ESSENTIAL SPIDER-MAN series (as well as ESSENTIAL X-MEN and ESSENTIAL WOLVERINE, for that matter)! As a matter of fact, it'll be on sale by the time this letter sees print! Better hurry over to that store where you used to buy your comics and grab a copy!

Dear Spider's Web,

I've just come up for air after reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #424, and I have to say that Joe Bennett does a mighty fine job of drawing some mighty fine women, not mention the Spidey-kicks-but action shots. I'm really starting to take a shine to the action sequences, and in #424, you couldn't complain about the lack of them. Also, I really liked page 18 when Spidey nearly lost it and wanted to make some ninja pancakes. It's

good for us to be reminded now and then just how powerful a super hero he is sometimes, and that if he really wanted to, he could flatten just about anyone. But he doesn't. That's cool.

Uh, guys, I was wondering if it is possible for you to include the dates from the letters that are written to the Spider's Web and all the other letters pages, so it could give me all an idea of when (as we already know where) the writers are coming from. I really get into the letters pages and often track down my previous comic issues to see what the writer is on about.

I only have one gripe and that is that I have been trying to collect (so far successfully) every Marvel title that Spidey has been in since 1994. The collecting bug has bitten me severely. The only problem is that you now have SPIDER-MAN CYBERCOMICS on America Online, and I don't own or have access to an online computer. My question is this: Is there any other way to collect or be able to read these stories? Are they available on CD-ROM or have they been printed on paper somewhere? Please tell me as I am desperate to read and/or collect them from story #1 onward. Remember, I live in Australia and we only just got electricity here yesterday.

Brett Boughton
45 Pratten Street
Brisbane, AUSTRALIA 4075

Well, since you've seen fit to take cheap a shot at your own country there, Brett, we won't burden you with any hackneyed letters page reply with a phony accent, with phrases like, "G'day, Mate!" in it and all. Deal?

Sorry, but no go on the dates issue. We just want to keep as much space available for insightful comment and discussion, and we think adding even another line per letter isn't warranted here (especially since two of the Spidey monthlies are down to one letters page. Sob!). Usually letters (or at least most of them) contain the issue number(s) being discussed on any given letters page, so you shouldn't have a problem.

As for printing the SPIDER-MAN CYBER-COMIC...hmmmm, interesting idea. What do the rest of you out there think? Any of you computer-inhibited folk out there dying to see Spidey's online adventures set down on good, old-fashioned paper? Let us know!

Dear Spidey people,

I haven't picked up a Spider-Man issue since Ben Reilly was said to be the real Spider-Man.

I recently picked up AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #424, and let me tell you, it was great! The story was great, it was great, it was just amazing! But what really got me was all the stuff I missed. Peter's back; the Green Goblin's back; one of my favorite Spidey pencils, Mark Bagley, is gone; Mary Jane got pregnant, but then the baby died. Let's just say that I'm never going to skip another issue again. I'm just glad that the one and only Spidey is again kicking some serious butt! Oh, yeah, and I knew the Green Goblin wasn't really dead! So Make Mine Marvel!

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Let that be a lesson to you, Chris! Don't ever miss an issue, or you're likely to find that a whole slew of amazing things have happened all over again! Hah! Seriously, though, it certainly is nice to have you back. Hope you enjoy the stay.

Dear AMAZING team,

A few random thoughts on AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #424 and the current storylines in general:

1. Please, please, please put the lightning bolts back on Electro's mask! I was hoping if the last couple of years had shown anything, it was that the classic Spidey villains shouldn't be tampered with.

2. I'm really enjoying the appearances of the new Rose in these pages. After that embarrassingly awful Blood Rose/Kingpin II nonsense in WEB OF SPIDER-MAN a few years back, it's refreshing to see the character returned to its original concept. Is it still Richard Fisk under the mask? Only time will tell.

3. Madam Qwa is very similar in appearance to Madame Fang, a villainess Tom created in his last run on this title. Any connection? And if not, are there any plans for Tom to finally tie up that Madame Fang/Manslaughter Marsdale storyline, as it's been hanging for well over a decade now.

4. The letters page controversies rage on. I agree we need to see the baby May storyline resolved soon. I'm a bit tired of children disappearing with frequent regularity in the Marvel Universe. There seems to be some sort of common feeling that super heroes having kids is somehow going to alienate a section of the audience, so they end up being killed off, disappearing mysteriously or being aged to adulthood. Just for once, could we see a couple of characters bringing up their child just like normal parents?

5. Letters page controversy number two seems to be about the return of Norman Osborn, the original Green Goblin. I have sympathy with those who complain about his return. The retroactive continuity that has him surviving his "final" battle with Peter has ruined possibly the greatest Spider-Man story of all time, and the explanation that he didn't re-enter Peter's life until recently because of his "business affairs in Europe" is a bit feeble to say the least. However, what I would say to those readers who, like myself, would have preferred to see the Goblin stay dead is that to get ourselves free of the clone debacle, perhaps the resurrection of Norman Osborn is a price we have to be willing to pay. I'm not happy with it myself, but it beats the alternative, and I guess it does open up some interesting storylines in the future. (I have to disagree with the letter page comment that Spider-Man is the only major Marvel hero without an arch-enemy. For my money, his arch-enemy has always been Otto Octavius, the original, and far superior, Dr. Octopus.)

6. Having said all that, wouldn't it make an interesting issue or two to see the original Green Goblin up against the original Hobgoblin either in battle or as allies? Just a thought.

Looking forward to next month's anniversary issue. Cheers.

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Whew! Guess you had quite a bit on your mind there, Andy! Let's take them in order.

1. Well, not this time around. It seems Electro was just too drunk with power to bother going home to get the mask! We'll have to wait for Electro's next appearance to see if he is in to do it again.

2. All together now: "Not! Telling!"

3. No connection as yet between the aforementioned Madames, but who knows what the future holds? And that decade-long hanging plotline? It's called suspense!

4. Maybe. Maybe not.

5. So! This one disagrees with us, does he? Why, he shall be sentenced to...the return of his favorite villain! (How's that for a punishment?)

6. Indeed it would, Andy. However, it seems that Norman is tied up in quite a bit of skullduggery as we speak, and good ol' Roderick Kingsley is biding away his time in a moldy jail cell. But c'mon, you know that someday, some writer is just not going to be able to resist the Clash of the Gobblins! (You don't actually think that Norman would work side by side with the guy that stole all his stuff, do you?)

Dear Spider's Web,

After reading issue #424, I knew that I just had to write you guys and give you a resounding thumbs-up. This is only the second time that I have ever written to this letters page after following the ol' webhead for over 20 years, but you really compelled me to send in a response.

Finally! After years of frustration in seeing Spidey always holding back his power against any opponent, we see an admission

by him that he's sick of it! We get to see him haul a multi-ton freight car over his head like a leather. Yeah, I always knew he had that kind of strength; it's just really refreshing to see him let go once in a while! In the end, he acts the only way he can: with responsibility.

My thanks to the Spider-team for making it finally happen. The closest we came to something of this nature before was when Spidey was lifting tons of subway off his back in one of the earlier issues of the SPIDER-MAN title.

Stan Lee promised us a long time ago that Spidey would become one of the most powerful super heroes in the Marvel Universe, and he was still a teen then. Now that he's a man, naturally, he should be even more powerful than he was before—as you grow older, you develop more strength.

What you've done this issue is to give us a glimpse of what we've always suspected, but rarely seen. A hardy and grateful "thank you" from a long-time reader. Here's a couple of questions that you can dance around, of course. What's going on with those headaches Spidey's having? Does Spidey have Morbius's blood taint now? If Morbius is still alive, Spidey better seek some answers—before his incisors start becoming a problem to brush.

Keep up the good work!

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And a hearty hello to you, Dave. It's good to know that our long-time readers can still get themselves so worked up over an issue that they have to write in. That "thank you" goes right back out to you.

Thanks also for your interesting insight into Spidey's strength factor. You wouldn't be referring to the classic ASM #32-33 by the great Stan Lee and Steve Ditko, would you? That particular scene has long been one of our favorites as well. But please don't tell us that you were unmoved by Peter and Ben's display of power when kicking Sentinel tail back in SPIDER-MAN #72?

And please don't be concerned, Dave. We've been dancing around questions regarding the Morbius bite for many an issue, now! But you'll be pleased to know that the Morbius bite sub-plot was resolved in issue #84 of our sister title PETER PARKER, SPIDER-MAN. Guess the dance is finally over.

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GUEST STARS, YOU SAY?
OKAY, THEN... HOW?
ABOUT THE SILVER SURFER?
SO JUST WHO'S BAD ENOUGH
TO WARRANT SUCH SUPER-
POWERED ATTENTION? WOULD A
BELIEVE... NINE ANGRY BOY
SCOUTS? (JUST KIDDING!) YOU
GUESSED IT, THE FLAT-OUT
SCARIEST ANARCHO-SERIAL
KILLER AROUND... CARNAGE!
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AND COMPASSION (YOU'RE
GONNA NEED IT) BY TOM
MCCOY, DEPALCO, STEVE
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OLD-IT'S GONNA GET DIRTY!

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I AMT GONNA LETYA DIE!

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AW, NO! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENIN'! MY OWN POWER'S WORKIN' AGAINST ME!

I'M ABSORBIN' THE PROPERTIES 'A THE FIRE!

BUT THE ONLY WAY I CAN SURVIVE IN HERE IS BY DOIN' THAT! I... I'M HELPLESS! I DON'T DARE TOUCH 'ER WHILE I'M IN THIS STATE!



W-WHAT AM I GONNA DO?

I... I CAN'T JUST LEAVE'ER HERE!
AN' I CAN'T CARRY'ER 'TSAFETY!



STEP ASIDE, CREEP! THIS IS NO TIME TO PANIC!

THERE MAY STILL BE HOPE... IF I CAN ONLY REACH HER BEFORE THIS QUICKLY WEBBED COVERING BEGINS TO MELT!



I NEVER INTENDED TO PLANT TITANIA IN THE CENTER OF THAT INFERNO.

THE ACRID STENCH FROM THE SMOKE, AND THE ROAR OF THE FIRE IS MESSING WITH MY HYPER SENSES, BUT SPIDER-MAN NEEDS MY HELP, AND I -- WAIT!

I SUDDENLY HEAR TWO DISTINCT HEARTBEATS APPROACHING ME THROUGH THE FLAMES.



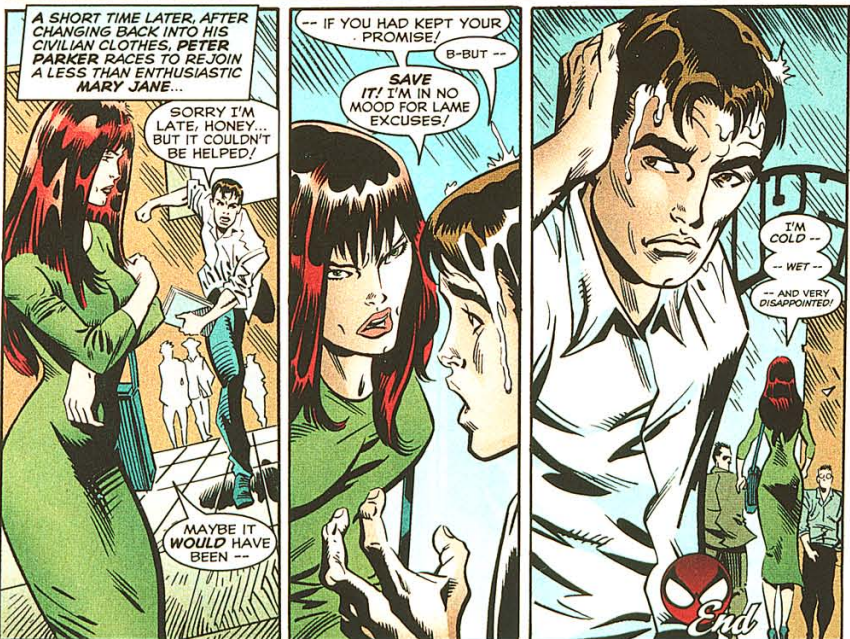
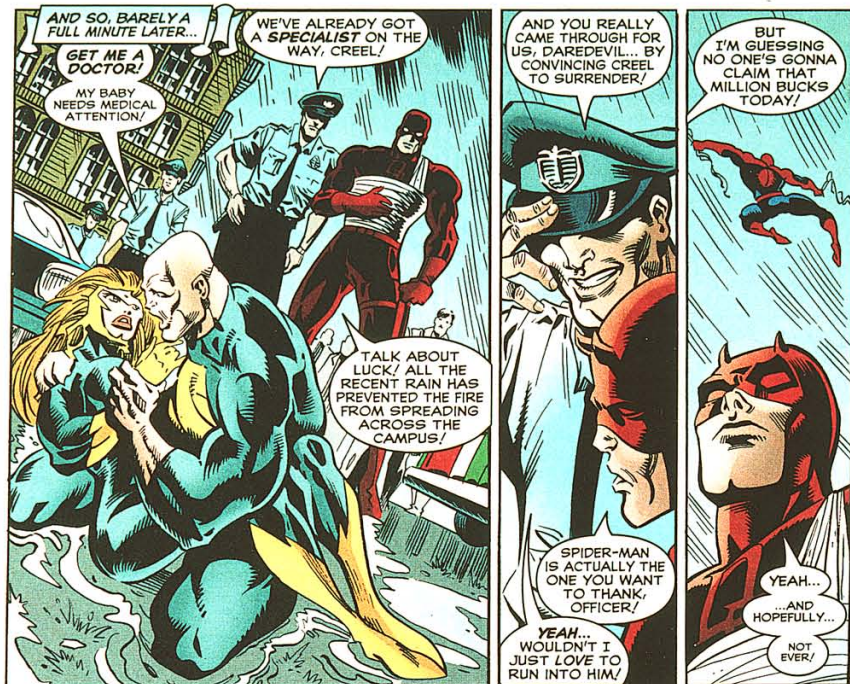
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